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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Inquiries from the Congress on Gramm-Rudman-Hollings
Sequesters

Prior to the Supreme Court's ruling on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, several departments and agencies received Congressional inquiries concerning their views on the impact of sequester under the Act. You should be aware that in holding that the Comptroller General's role in the Act's sequester process was unconstitutional, the Court left unaffected the Act's deficit reduction targets. You should also be aware that in commenting on the decision, the President reaffirmed his pledge to achieve these targets without sacrificing our national defense or raising taxes. Your response concerning your programs should, of course, be consistent with the President's position.

As you know, your responses to these inquiries should be submitted to OMB pursuant to Section 11.9 of OMB Circular A-11.

Thank you.

